

# Catamount Spirit

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## POTOMAC STATE COLLEGE TO BECOME FULLY INTEGRATED DIVISION OF WVU

Potomac State College of West Virginia University will become a fully integrated division of WVU when Governor Bob Wise signed higher education reform bill, HB 2224 Tuesday evening, March 18.

The bill was introduced by the House Education Committee, passed by the Senate Finance Committee, passed on the floor and then sent to the Governor for signing.

Potomac State College President Mary Rittling says that she and WVU President David C. Hardesty, Jr., the WVU Board of Governors, and the Potomac State Board of Advisors support the move to strengthen the 100-year old ties between the two institutions.

While there were numerous changes proposed in this bill regarding higher education, such as a series of flexibility measures, tuition increases of up to 9.5% if certain conditions are made and a number of other reforms, the bill addresses Potomac State College becoming a fully integrated division of West Virginia University by July 2005.

Operational, auxiliary services and academic offerings were also addressed in this bill.

As stated in the bill, the school will concentrate on its strengths of agriculture, forestry, business, computer science, education, and liberal arts programs, and collaborate with Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College for community college programs.

"West Virginia University officials appreciate all the hard work by members of the House of Delegates and the Senate on the higher education reform bill, HB 2224. We also acknowledge the work of the Governor's staff and thank Gov. Wise, in particular, for signing this legislation. We look forward to working with Potomac State College to ensure its integration as a division of WVU is a smooth process. And, in this extraordinary time of economic uncertainty, we appreciate that this legislation gives us the flexibility and tools we need to deal with the budget reductions we are facing - yet maintain providing a quality education," said President Hardesty.

## MOSESES TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES

Harvey and Betty Moses are the recipients of the Associate in Arts, in Public Service Honorary Degree, at Potomac State College of West Virginia University.



Harvey & Betty Moses

In recognition of their unwavering support of the college, the Moses' will have that honor conferred upon them at the 100th Commencement Ceremony on May 10, 2003.

Harvey and Betty "adopted" Potomac State, though neither of them ever attended classes here. They have donated significantly to the Music Department, which in turn, allowed for the summer arts camps to be held this past summer, helped with annual theatrical productions and paid for Petersburg area students to attend productions.

Due to their generous donations, the College has also succeeded in bringing enriching musical artists to the campus that would have otherwise been financially impossible.

In addition, they established the Harvey and Betty Moses Fund to assist with the funding of the new Information Technology Center.

Mr. Moses served in the Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. At the time of his retirement from Verizon, where he worked for more than 30 years, Harvey served as the District Personnel Manager in Washington, D.C.

Harvey and Betty have three daughters, five grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

**Members of the regional media turned out for a Media Appreciation & Legislative Update Luncheon. The event was held over spring break at Alliant TechSystems, Inc.,**

**in the West Virginia Room and was catered by the WVU Dining Services, which also provides food service to the complex. President Mary Rittling answered questions regarding HB 2224 and Potomac State College becoming a fully integrated division of WVU by July 2005.**





## NEW 1+1 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INCREASES ADULT ENROLLMENT

The newly created 1 + 1 Scholarship Program at Potomac State College of West Virginia University, which began with the spring 2003 semester, has been a success. Adult student enrollment is up 18% this spring as compared to spring 2002.

"We are attributing the increase in adult enrollment to the success of this scholarship program," stated Beth Little, Director of Enrollment Services.

Currently, there are 25 students attending Potomac State using the 1 + 1 Scholarship. After meeting eligibility requirements, the scholarship is designed so that the student receives a free course with the purchase of a course for a combined total of up to 12 credits.

## ETIQUETTE LUNCHEON

The PSC Alumni Association will sponsor the second annual Etiquette Luncheon – **Interviewing Over Lunch**. This hands-on approach teaches the proper use of eating utensils and the dos and don'ts of proper dining. Ben Wilfong, a sophomore Ag and Forestry major, will be the presenter. This event is free to students; however, since seating is limited, we will accept 20 people on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you participated last year, we ask that you allow others a chance to participate. The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 8, from noon until 2 p.m. in the small dining room located in the cafeteria. If you know of any students who would be interested, please call Libby Nichols at 788-6870.

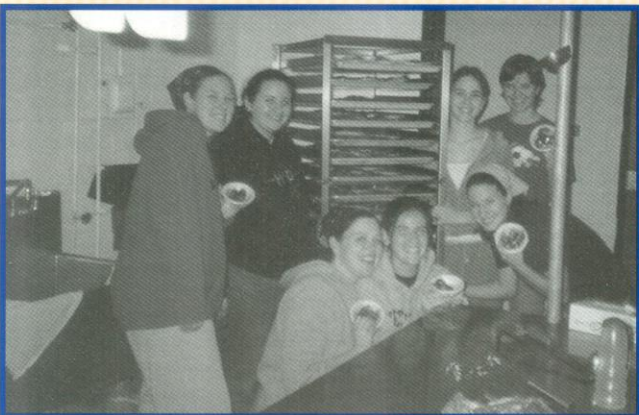
## STUDENTS RAISING MONEY FOR CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK

Students at Potomac State College of West Virginia University will be holding a Children's Miracle Network (CMN) Dance Marathon on April 24. Faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to contribute by either volunteering or gathering pledges to participate in the dance. The dance will be held from 6 p.m. to 12 midnight in the Lough Gymnasium.

The CMN is an international, not-profit organization dedicated to helping children and their families who struggle with serious illnesses.

Sophomore Jennifer Brittain began this project as a way to give back to the organization that was responsible for improving her own life. She is a "miracle child" and a former poster child for CMN.

Recently, 10 students rallied to dip five cases of strawberries and pounds of pretzels in chocolate, which took about 12 hours to complete. They then sold the dipped pretzels and strawberries to students,



Pictured dipping strawberries are: (l-r and kneeling) Jennifer Brittain, Shannon Creighan, and Bethany Teter (standing l-r) Holly Steadman, Brittany Benson, Kendra Webster, and Christina Combs.

faculty and staff at various locations around campus.

The group has placed jars around campus for donations and will also be collecting door prizes from businesses in town. They will sponsor small fundraisers leading up to the dance in April. All proceeds will be given to the CMN.

If you would like to donate or volunteer to help with any of these projects, please contact Jennifer Brittain or Holly Steadman at 788-7181.

## EDGERLY NAMED TO NATIONAL GRANT REVIEW PANEL



Mary Edgerly

Mary Edgerly, visiting instructor in English, at Potomac State College of West Virginia University, has been asked to serve on the 2003 National Leadership Grant Review Panel for

Continuing Education, Curriculum Development and Training, by The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The IMLS is a federal grant-making agency that promotes leadership, innovation, and a lifetime of learning by supporting the nation's museums and libraries.

The review was conducted in Washington, D.C. on March 20 and 21. This follows a two-year period when Edgerly was Project Director for *Bringing Effective Skills and Technology Together*, which was funded by IMLS. The project featured a distance education conference, hands on training, and a Web site to help rural librarians become leaders in technology.

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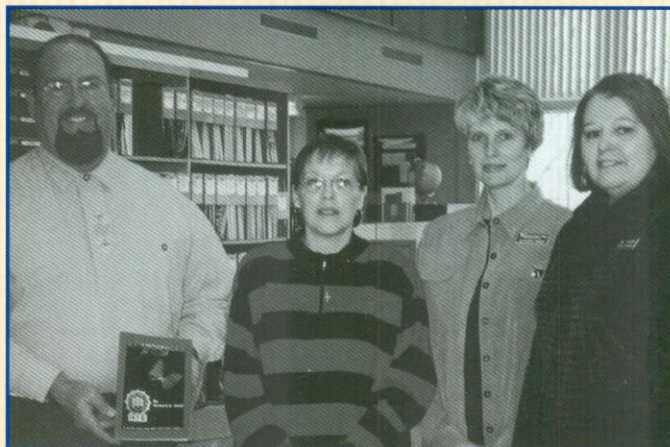


## POTOMAC STATE GRADUATE RETURNS FOR BOOK SIGNING

**R**ichard D. Ward, author of *Metamorphosis in Blue*, conducted a book signing at Potomac State College of West Virginia University. The signing took place on campus at the Mary F. Shipper Library in February.

*Metamorphosis in Blue* follows a day in the life of a New York City Policeman and how his life changed after testifying against fellow policemen. He is forced into retirement, loses his pension and his family, and then finds himself caught up in a bank heist. After being wounded in the shoot-out, he's taken to the hospital with millions hidden in his leather trench coat. To learn the conclusion of the story, the book can be ordered from Amazon.com at a cost of \$17.95; however, anyone who would like an autographed copy can order the book for \$10 plus \$2 shipping by contacting Ward directly. A check or money order may be sent for \$12 to: P.O. Box 506, Luray, VA 22835.

Ward, originally from Keyser, earned his AA from Potomac State in 1985, and his bachelor's degree from Frostburg State University in Frostburg, MD. He obtained a master's degree while working for the Department of Defense. Ward spent 38 years



(l-r) Author Richard Ward talks with library staff, Dawn Downey, Kathleen Weber and Jill Gardner.

working for the military and various government agencies. He and his wife Ute have one son, Richard V. Ward.

## NCA ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE SURVEYS ADJUNCT, FULL-TIME FACULTY AND STAFF FOR SELF-STUDY

**R**ecently, the North Central Accreditation Committee (NCA) spearheaded a survey to current adjunct faculty members; nearly 50 percent responded. Two very positive outcomes stemmed from the survey. 1) A handbook for adjuncts is in draft form, and 2) there

will be two orientation sessions for adjuncts to choose from prior to fall opening.

Another study of full-time faculty and staff was successful with 70 percent participation. Of particular importance was the satisfaction of faculty and staff with the resources available to them and the support

they receive from the campus community.

Members of the human resources group wish to thank faculty, staff and administrators for their sincere responses to the survey. This will help them in preparing the Self-Study for NCA.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOSTS DINNER IN FAIRMONT, WV

**O**n Tuesday, February 4, the Potomac State College Alumni Association hosted an alumni

dinner at Muriale's Restaurant in Fairmont, WV. There were 41 people in attendance, including last year's student government

president, Jacob McCarty.

Jennings Stickley welcomed everyone and announced the students who have received the Alumni Scholarship for the 2002-2003 school year. Stickley asked

everyone to continue to support the scholarship.

Ben Wilfong, a current sophomore Ag and Forestry major, spoke to the group about the College and the many advantages he is obtaining from attending. He specifically mentioned the major interest that the faculty shows towards the students going beyond the regular classroom instruction to help whenever and however they can.

Joy Eggleston, Director of Development, gave a brief update of our Building Greatness Campaign. She said that we have well exceeded our initial goal of 1.5 million dollars.

President Rittling wrapped up the evening with some campus updates and legislative issues.

Many thanks to all of the faculty, staff and local alumni who attended.



"Skip" Delligatti '58; Ben Wilfong-Current Ag and Forestry student; Linda (Gardner) Hicks '69; and Jacob McCarty '02 had a chance to chat at the recent alumni dinner.



## PSC REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND WVU LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION



(l-r) Jennifer Ours-Williams, David Snively and Sandy Smith traveled to Charleston, WV, for WVU's Legislative Reception.

with legislators and explain the progress occurring in the various schools and on the campuses.

Pictured with Smith is Jennifer Ours-Williams (left), Associate Director, WVU Extension Center for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Community Development, and David Snively (center), Assistant Director WVU Extension & Public Service.

Also in attendance (but not pictured) were Potomac State College of WVU President Mary Rittling; Director of Communications and Marketing, René Trezise; and Alumni/Development Associate, Libby Nichols.

## COMMISSIONER GUS R. DOUGLASS TO SPEAK AT 100TH COMMENCEMENT



Gus R. Douglass

West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Gus R. Douglass will be the Commencement speaker at the 100th Graduation Ceremonies on May 10, 2003, at Potomac State College of West Virginia University.

Commissioner Douglass was elected to his ninth four-year term as West Virginia's Commissioner of Agriculture in November 2000. With 36 years of service, he is now the most senior Commissioner of Agriculture in the entire United States. He began his career as Assistant Commissioner with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture in 1957.

Commissioner Douglass holds a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from West Virginia State College. He has served as president of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) and the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture (SASDA). He was also chairman of the Southern Regional Committee for Food and Agriculture under President Jimmy Carter.

Additionally, Commissioner Douglass has served twice as president of the Southern United States Trade Association (SUSTA) and has participated as a member of several national agriculture committees and task forces. He has frequently been called upon to give testimony before Congressional committees regarding national agricultural policy.

Currently, he chairs the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's Advisory Committee on International Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases, representing the state departments of agriculture. He serves on three NASDA committees, including International Marketing and Trade, Food Regulation and Nutrition, and is chair of the Animal and Plant Industries Committee.

He has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors including the Gamma Sigma Delta award for Distinguished Service to West Virginia Agriculture, and Progressive Farmer magazine's "Man of the Year" in West Virginia Agriculture. Throughout his career, Commissioner Douglas has served on more than 25 boards, commissions and committees.

Commissioner Douglass and his wife Anna Lee have four children and six grandchildren. He and his son, Tom, operate their 400-acre family farm in Mason County, specializing in beef cattle and grain production.

Sandra Smith (right), Agriculture and Forestry Coordinator with Potomac State College of West Virginia University (WVU), is shown at the recent WVU Legislative Reception held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Charleston, WV. The reception is held each year during the legislative session in order to give the various schools and regional campuses of WVU an opportunity to meet

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 8** Bruce Jacobs, Writer  
Church-McKee . . . 7:30 p.m.
- April 10** Mary Ann Samyn, Poet  
AC 207 . . . . . 7 p.m.
- April 14** WVU Wind Symphony  
Church-McKee . . . 7:30 p.m.
- April 15** Poets Crane/Keats Film  
Ch-McKee/Rm 201 . . 7 p.m.
- April 17** Prof. of Year Award  
Candlewyck . . . . . 4-6 p.m.
- April 22** Bishop/Angelou Film  
Ch-McKee/Rm 201 . . 7 p.m.
- April 26** Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet  
Lough Gymnasium . . 5 p.m.
- April 27** Recognition Day  
Program . . . . . 4 p.m.
- April 29** Frost/Wordsworth Film  
Ch-McKee/Rm 201 . . 7 p.m.
- April 30** Multi-cultural Day  
The Quad . . . . . 11:30 a.m.
- May 10** Commencement Ceremony  
Church-McKee . . . . 11 a.m.

## The Potomac State College of WVU Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

*Cordially invites you to the*

### *Sixteenth Annual Awards Dinner*

*Honoring*

**Benjamin Merica '76**, from Martinsburg, WV  
*Baseball-named most valuable player in 1976.*

**Kenneth Parker '57**, from Westminster, MD  
*Football-has earned several Coach of the Year awards.*

**Michael Skinner '72**, from Phoenix, AZ  
*Baseball-went on to play pro baseball for the Pittsburgh Pirates*

### OUR CURRENT SOPHOMORE ATHLETES

*And*

*The Women's Basketball Team of '83-'84  
coached by Sandra Elmore; and  
the Men's Basketball Team of '84-'85  
coached by Lindy Shank*

Saturday, April 26, 2003

Lough Gymnasium

Social Hour 5:00 p.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m.

**\$15.00 per person (reservations required)**

To make reservations, please mail your check, payable to Potomac State College, to the Alumni Office, Potomac State College, Keyser, WV 26726, no later than April 18, 2003. If you have any questions, please call the Alumni Office at 788-6870, or 1-800-262-7332 extension 6870.